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REMARKS

Receipt of the Office Action mailed September 1, 2006, in the above-identified patent application is respectfully acknowledged.

Claims 47-49, 51-60, 62-114, 116-124, 126-144 and 146-172 remain in the application. Claims 47, 83, 112, and 142 have been amended herein. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior Response filed August 24, 2006, failed to specifically identify an “attachment element” and “elongated member” as distinct from the “attachment member” as required by the Office Action of May 19, 2006.

Applicants have now amended independent claim 47 to state that the attachment member is disposed at a roof portion of the interior of a vehicle and is at least one of adhesively and mechanically attached thereto. Other portions of the claim identify the attachment member as also comprising at least one elongated member while the vehicle interior accessory component includes an attachment element adapted for receipt by the attachment member with the attachment element and attachment member cooperating as set forth in remainder of claim 47, as amended. Similarly, claims 83, 112, and 142 also state that the attachment member is disposed at a roof portion of the interior of a vehicle and is at least one of adhesively and mechanically attached thereto, the attachment member comprising an elongated member while the vehicle interior accessory component includes an attachment element adapted for receipt by the attachment member and as further defined in those claims.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that Applicants have now specifically identified the attachment member as distinct from the attachment element and in a manner corresponding to the previously elected species as required by the Office Actions. As set forth in the dependent claims, claims such as claims 56, 90, 120 and 151 further identify the vehicle interior accessory component comprising a lighting component in a manner corresponding to Applicants’ election in their Response filed April 17, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant’s have identified the attachment member as comprising at least one elongated member at least one of adhesively and mechanically attached at a roof portion of the interior of a vehicle as well as the vehicle interior accessory component including an attachment element adapted for receipt by the attachment member, that accessory component identified specifically comprising a lighting component in at least some of the claims of the application.

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Reconsideration of claims 47-49, 51-60, 62-114, 116-124, 126-144 and 146-172 as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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